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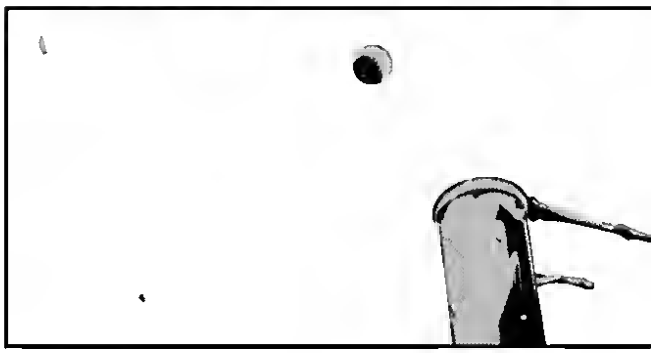
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE AIMING AT?
AH, MY BAD.

HUH?



ONE MORE TIME, THIRD!
...UH, NOTHING.

...
WHAT'S WRONG?
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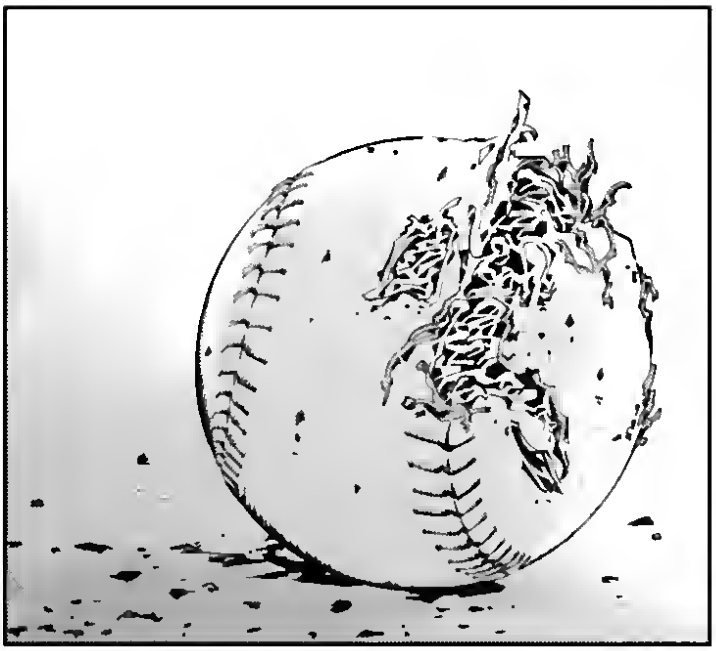

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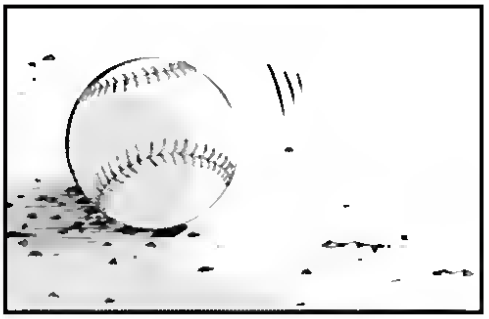

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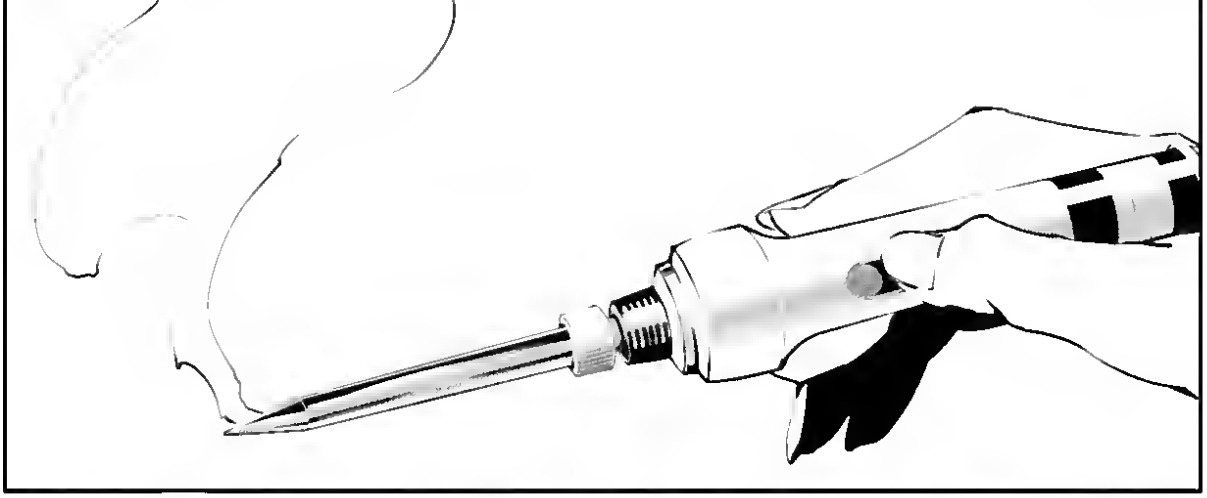
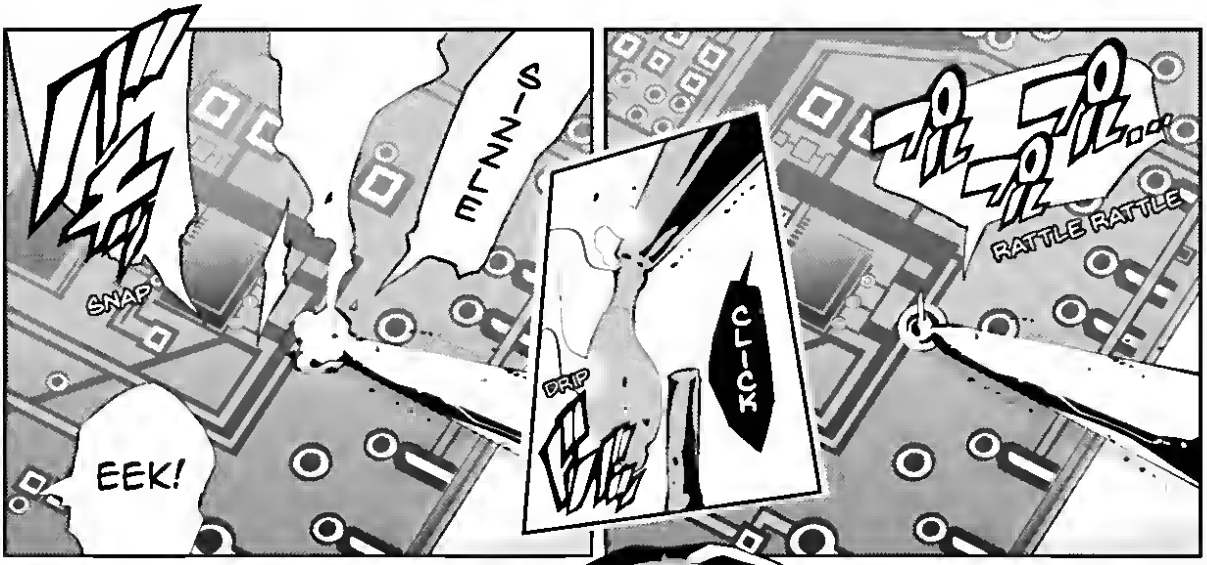
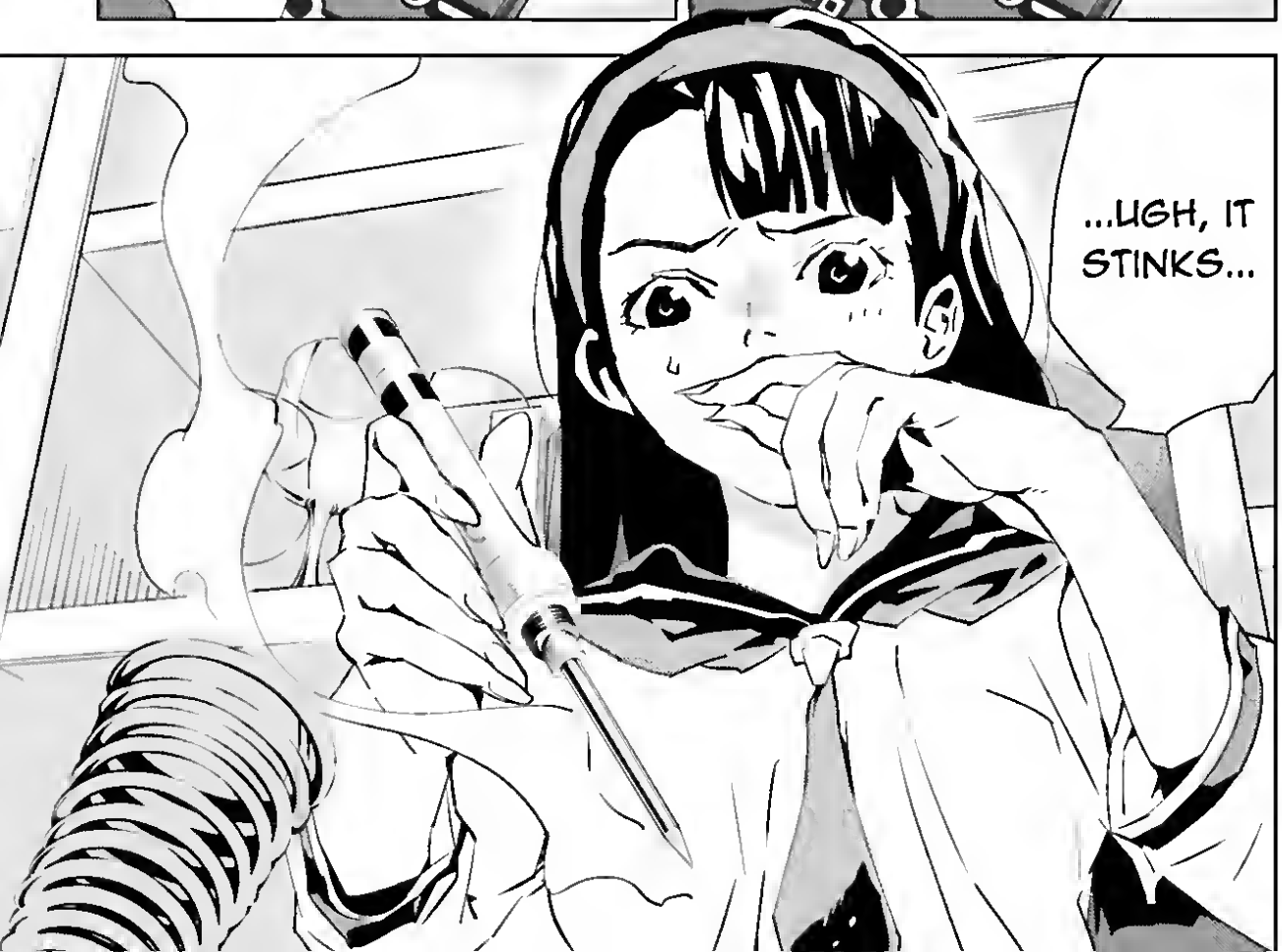


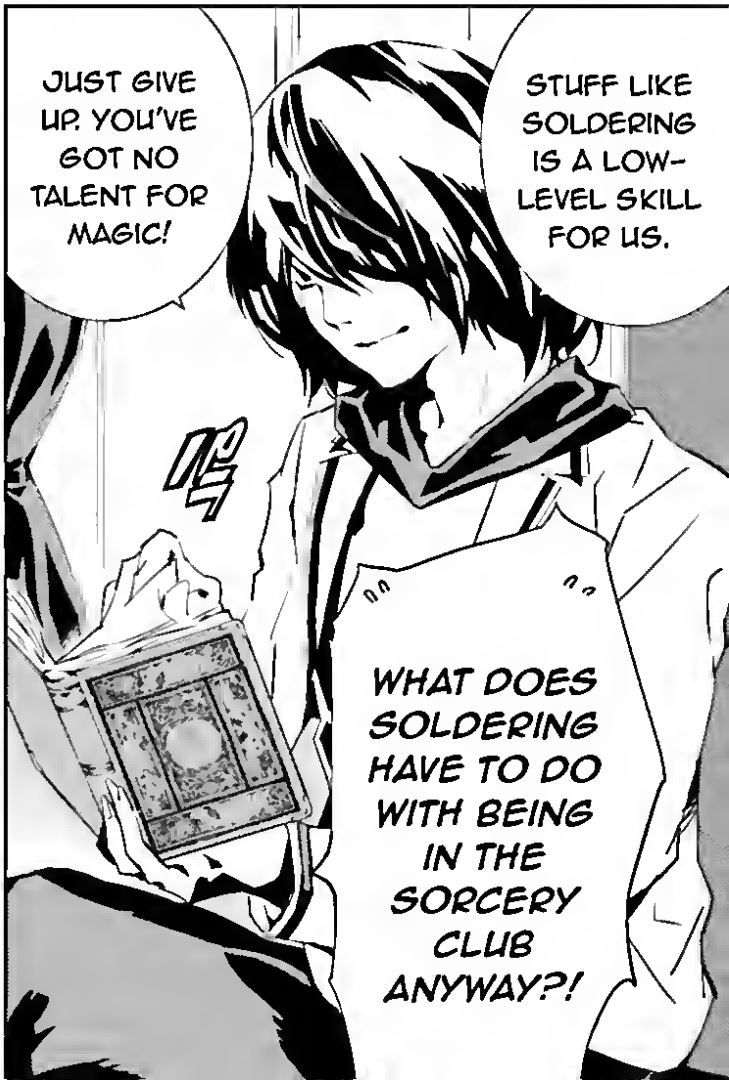

SNAP
EEK!
SIZZLE
DRIP
CLICK
RATTLE RATTLE


...UGH, IT STINKS...

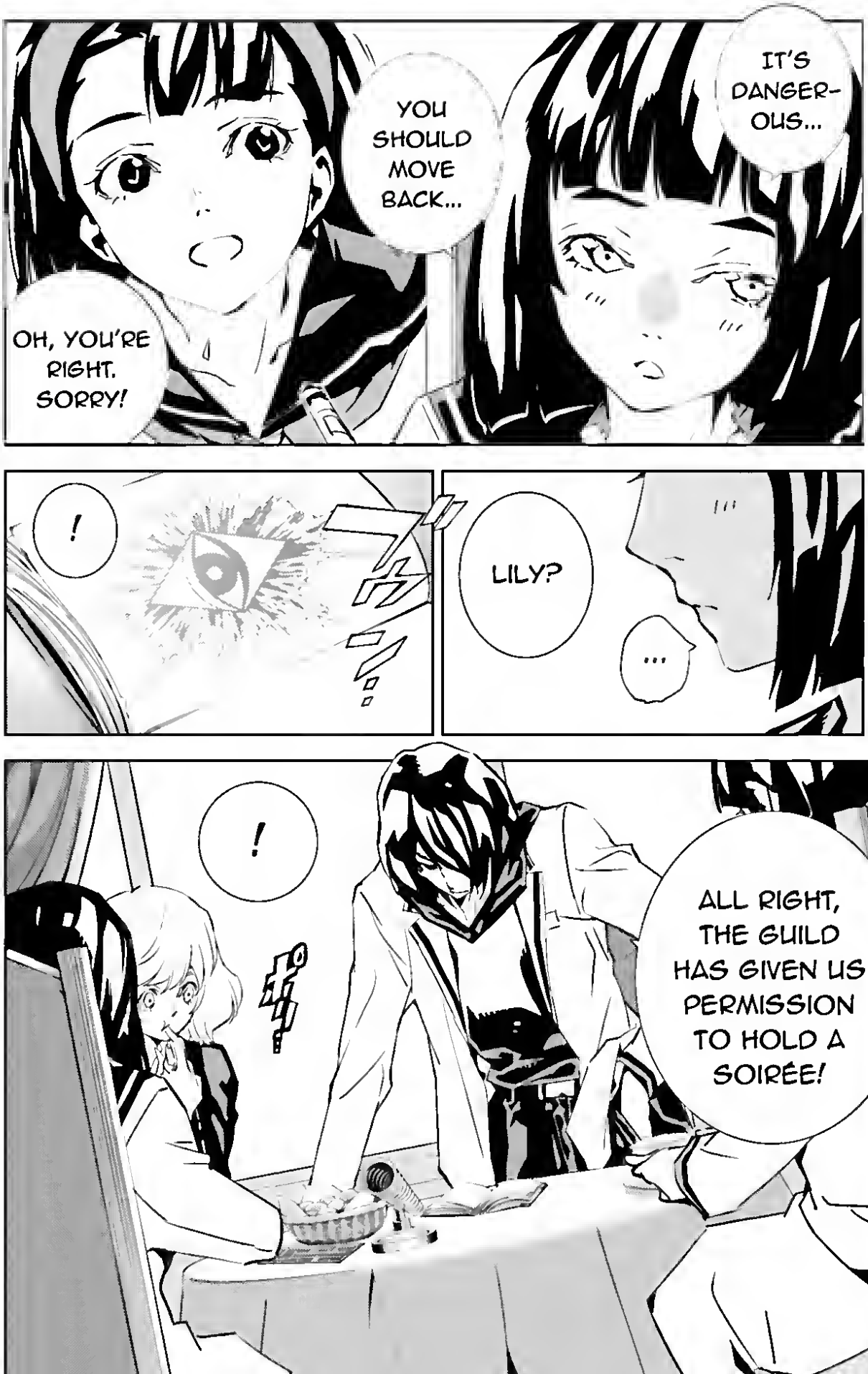
AKARI, ARE YOU OKAY?
NO, I'M FINE...
DID IT BURN YOU?
HMPH.
YOU'RE JUST AS CLUMSY AS EVER.

QUICK! YOU MUST FINISH, OUR MIRACULOUS MASTER OF THE COLD JOINT!

DON'T CALL ME WEIRD NAMES!


JUST GIVE UP. YOU'VE GOT NO TALENT FOR MAGIC!
STUFF LIKE SOLDERING IS A LOW-LEVEL SKILL FOR US.
WHAT DOES SOLDERING HAVE TO DO WITH BEING IN THE SORCERY CLUB ANYWAY?!

SIZZLE
SIZZLE
IF I DO IT WE'LL BE HERE UNTIL NIGHT...
HUH?
WHOA! LILY, YOU'RE SO GOOD AT IT!
.....
ジュウ…
...UM...
LILY, YOU'RE AMAZING! THANK YOU!!
AS EXPECTED FROM THE TABOO DOLLMAKER! SHALL WE COMPETE SOMETIME?
OH-HO! WHAT A PERFECT FILLET! WHAT SPEED!


IT'S DANGER-OUS...
YOU SHOULD MOVE BACK...
OH, YOU'RE RIGHT. SORRY!
!
LILY?
...
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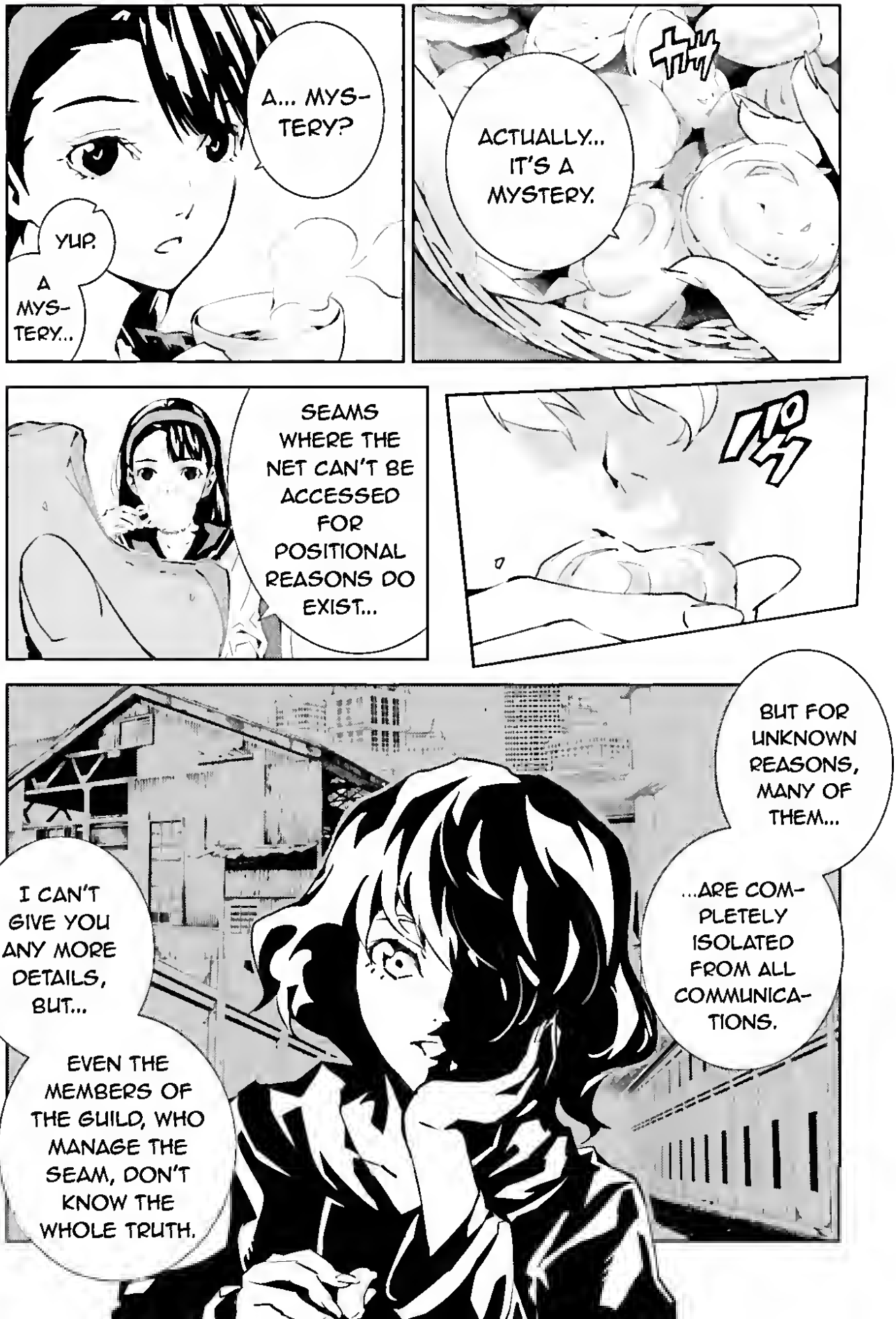
ALL RIGHT, THE GUILD HAS GIVEN US PERMISSION TO HOLD A SOIRÉE!

AS FOR THE DATE, WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT LONGER...
THEY'VE ONLY GIVEN PERMIS-SION.
YES, BUT...
THAT WAS SURPRIS-INGLY QUICK.
...WHAT ?
IT'S MAE-STRO.
KAITO, I'VE GOT A QUESTION!
OH, OH!
...
IT WAS BORN FROM DISCREPAN-CIES BETWEEN SCENIC HOLO-GRAMS AND REALITY...
I ALREADY TOLD YOU.
YEAH, I GET THAT, BUT...
WHAT IS IT, EXACTLY?
THE PLACE WE'RE HOLDING THE SOIREÉE... THE "SEAM," WAS IT?

EVEN IF THEY'RE CLOSED OFF...
FOR THERE TO BE PLACES IN MEGAFLOAT WHERE THE NET AND hIEs CAN'T BE USED...
...ARE THEY REALLY SOMETHING THAT OCCURRED NATURALLY?
HAHA, YOU'RE PRETTY SHARP. ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE KAITO'S SISTER?
HEY...


A... MYS-TERY?
YUP. A MYS-TERY...
ACTUALLY... IT'S A MYSTERY.
SEAMS WHERE THE NET CAN'T BE ACCESSED FOR POSITIONAL REASONS DO EXIST...
BUT FOR UNKNOWN REASONS, MANY OF THEM...
...ARE COM-PLETELY ISOLATED FROM ALL COMMUNICA-TIONS.
I CAN'T GIVE YOU ANY MORE DETAILS, BUT...
EVEN THE MEMBERS OF THE GUILD, WHO MANAGE THE SEAM, DON'T KNOW THE WHOLE TRUTH.

CAN YOU EVEN CALL THAT "MANAGING"?
IT'S POSSIBLE FIRST WANTS TO KEEP IT A SECRET BECAUSE WE LACK ENOUGH INFORMATION.
THE GUILD'S OFFICIAL STANCE IS THAT OUTSIDERS CAN'T KNOW ABOUT THE SEAM.
...YOU CAN STILL USE IT IF YOU KNOW THE PROPER INPUT AND OUTPUT METHODS.
THINK OF IT THAT WAY.
EVEN IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT'S INSIDE A BLACK BOX...
WE'RE ACTUALLY GETTING QUITE CLOSE TO CLARIFYING IT...
AND IF YOU WORK BACK THROUGH THOSE METHODS, THE BLACK BOX...
IN THIS CASE, THE SEAM WHICH OCCUPIES ANOTHER WORLD, WILL BEGIN TO REVEAL ITS SECRETS.

HMMM...
HMMM...
HILARIOUS
HM...
KEHEHE...QUITE CLOSE TO CLARIFYING IT, HUH...?

AND EVEN IF YOU COULD...
THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN DO IT, KAITO TENDO.

LILY.
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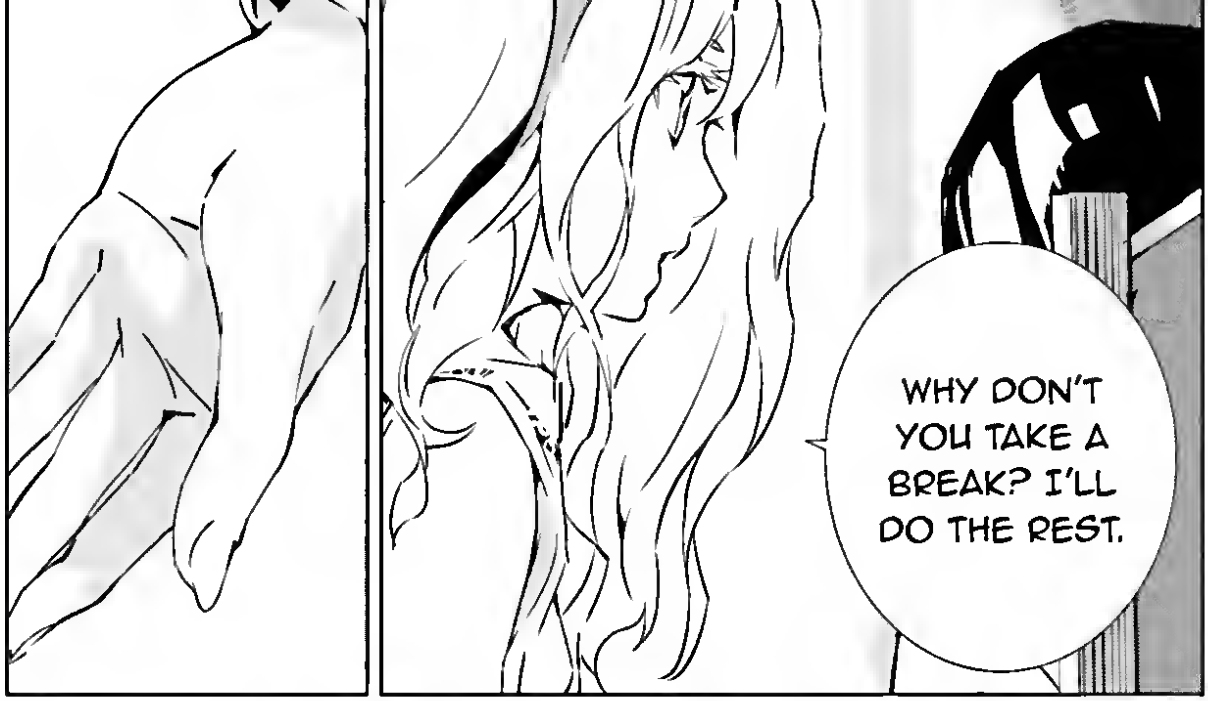
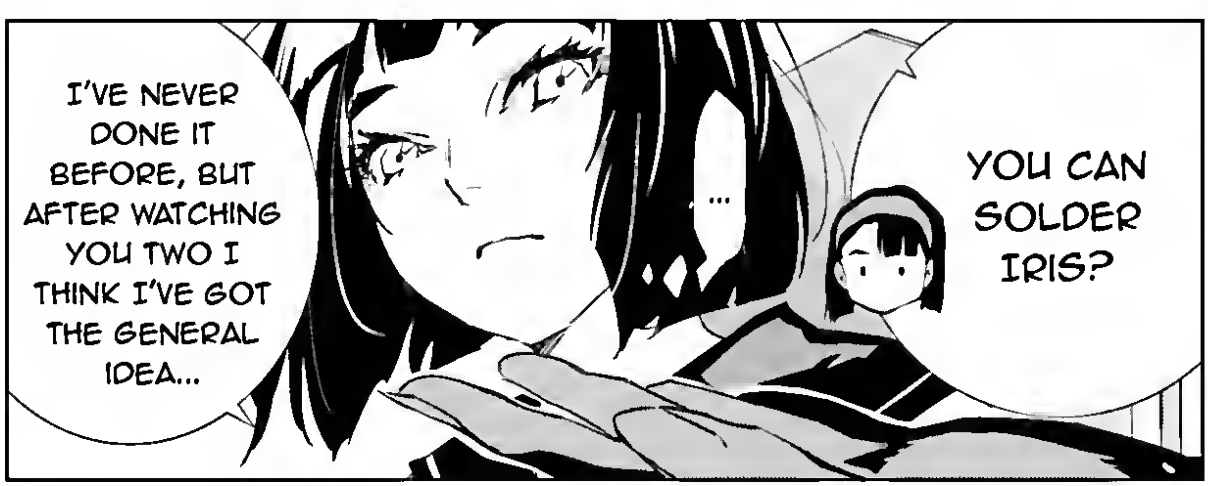
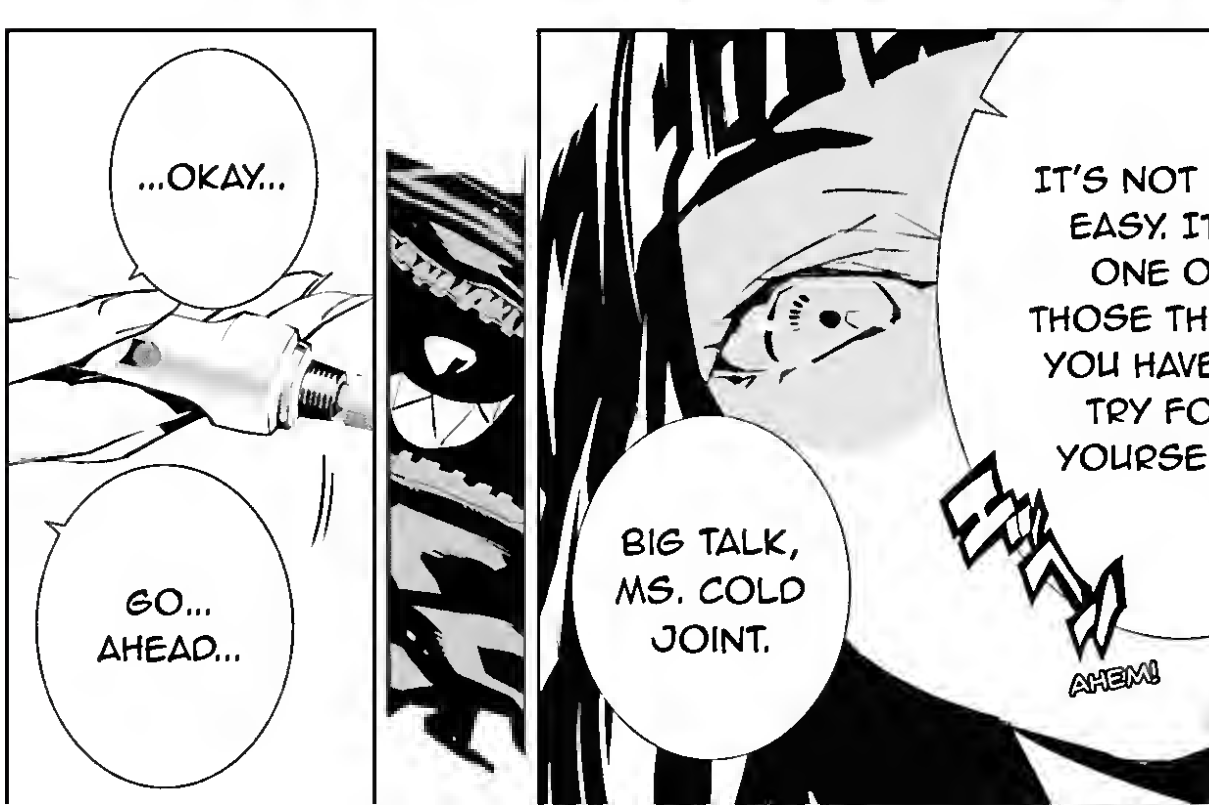
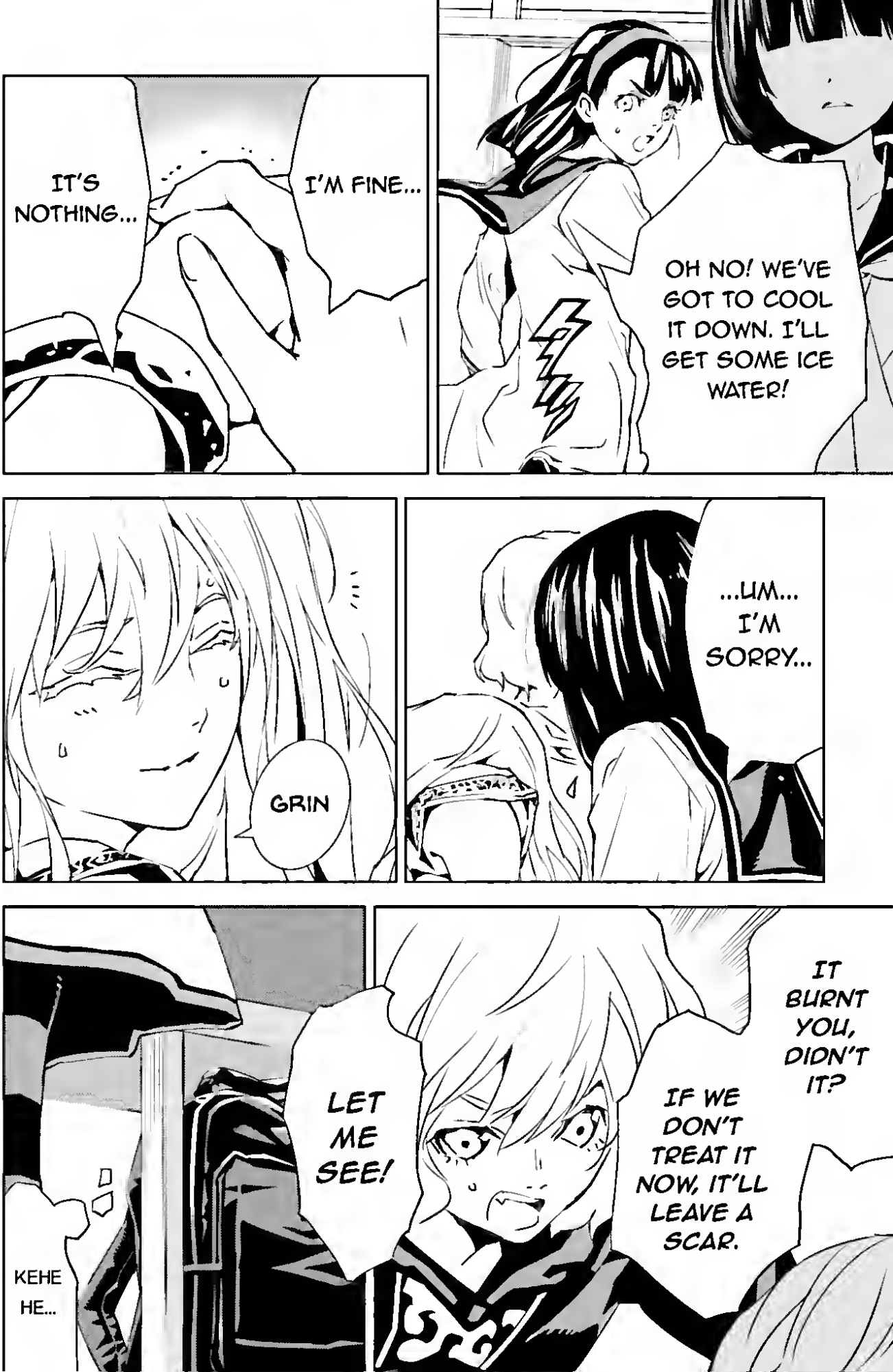

WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A BREAK? I'LL DO THE REST.


I'VE NEVER DONE IT BEFORE, BUT AFTER WATCHING YOU TWO I THINK I'VE GOT THE GENERAL IDEA...
...
YOU CAN SOLDER IRIS?


...OKAY...
GO... AHEAD...
BIG TALK, MS. COLD JOINT.
IT'S NOT THAT EASY. IT'S ONE OF THOSE THINGS YOU HAVE TO TRY FOR YOURSELF...
AHEM!

AH...
SIZZLE

!!
?
IRIS?!
DID IT BURN YOU?
...


IT'S NOTHING...
I'M FINE...
OH NO! WE'VE GOT TO COOL IT DOWN. I'LL GET SOME ICE WATER!
GRIN
...UM... I'M SORRY...
KEHE HE...
LET ME SEE!
IF WE DON'T TREAT IT NOW, IT'LL LEAVE A SCAR.
IT BURNT YOU, DIDN'T IT?

SHE'S WORRIED NOW... IF THEY SEE HER ARTIFICIAL SKIN'S MELTED...
THEY'LL FIND OUT SHE'S AN hIE...

JUST SHOW IT TO ME.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
?!
IT'S... FINE. REALLY...

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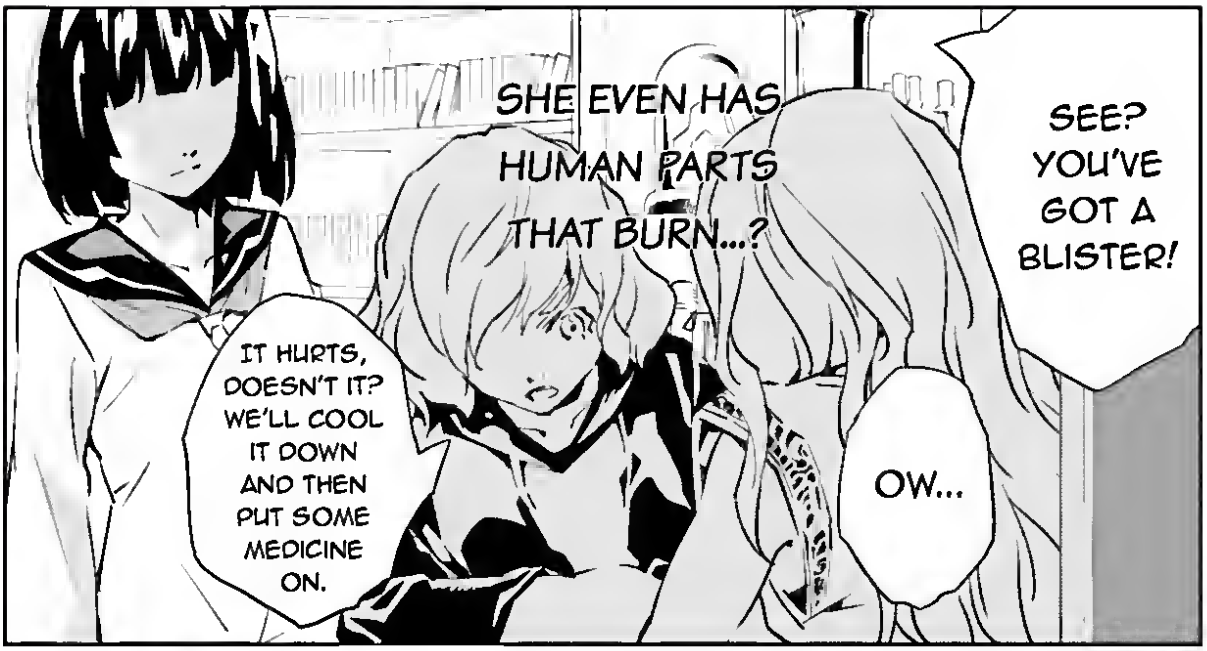
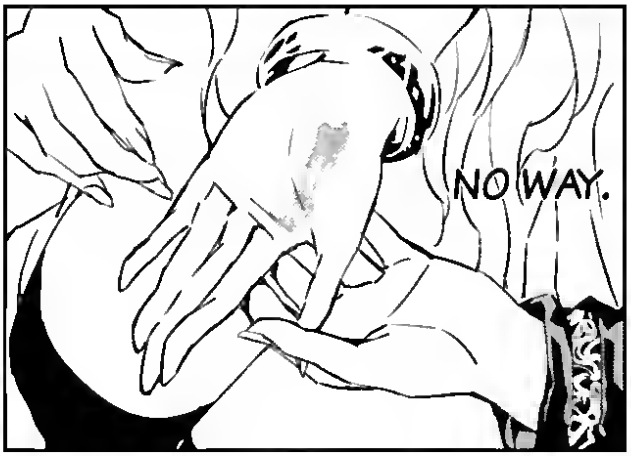

SHE EVEN HAS HUMAN PARTS THAT BURN...?
SEE? YOU'VE GOT A BLISTER!
IT HURTS, DOESN'T IT? WE'LL COOL IT DOWN AND THEN PUT SOME MEDICINE ON.
OW...

UGH, WHERE'S THE MEDI-CINE?
.....
I BROUGHT ICE WATER!


NO WAY.

COULD...
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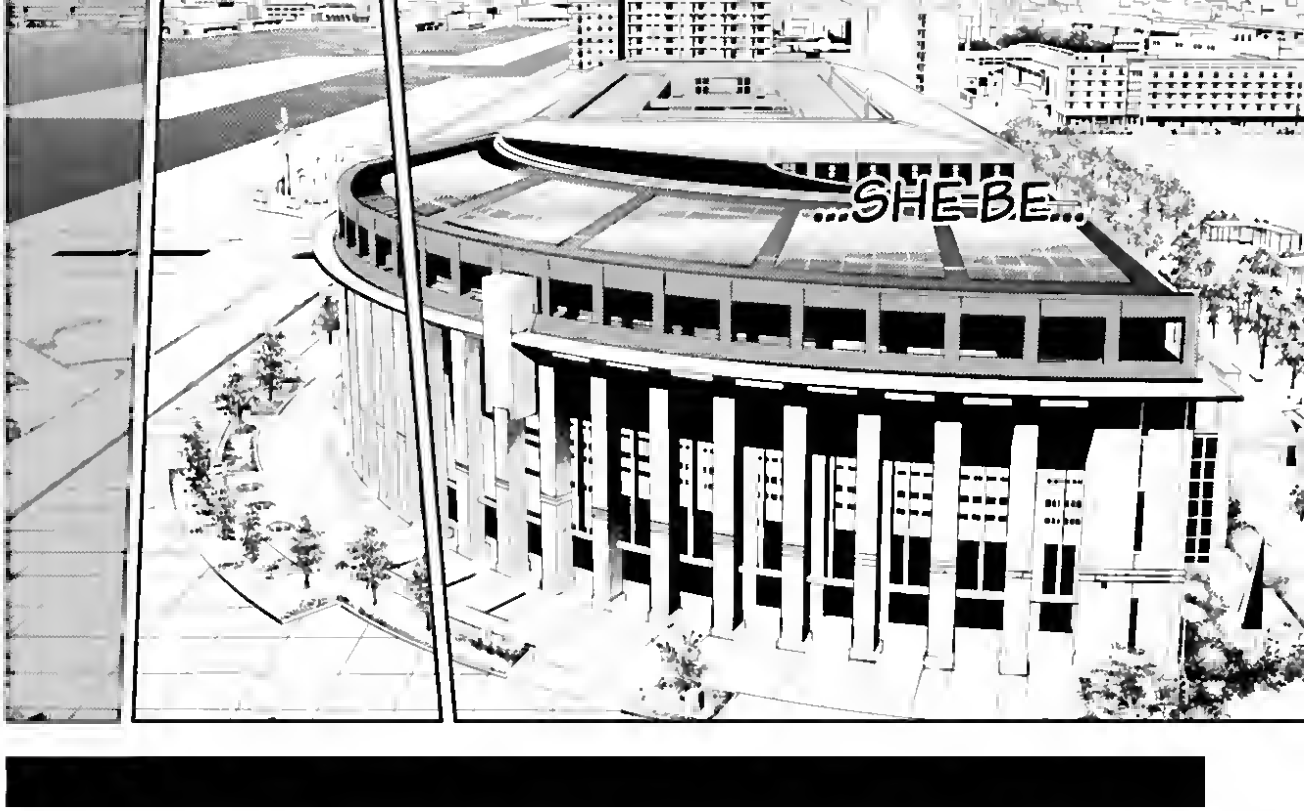
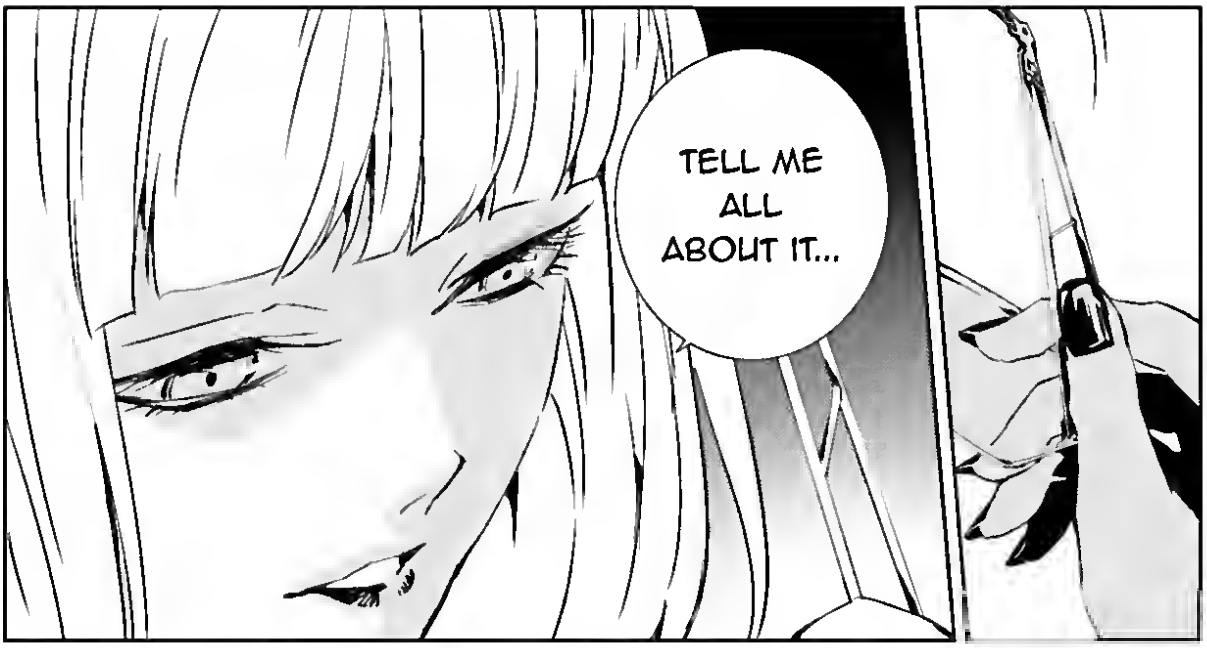

...SHE BE...

BEEP
WELCOME HOME.
OH WELL.
MORE IMPOR-TANTLY...
WHAT'S THAT...? DID YOU HURT YOURSELF?

WHAT KIND OF WONDERFUL EXPERIENCES DID YOU HAVE TODAY?


TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT...

...IRIS MY DEAR...
THE PERSON INVESTIGATING KAITO AND THE OTHERS IS CONNECTED TO IRIS?!
WHAT IS THEIR OBJECTIVE?